

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2106 - SB 2158

April 5, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes rural hospitals and any other entities, all of whose principals are rural hospitals, to enter cooperative agreements with each other, subject to the receipt of a certificate of public advantage that will govern the agreement. Authorizes the Department of Health to: promulgate regulations and implement this act; collect fees for the review of applications, issue certificates of public advantage and monitor such agreements for the sharing or allocations of personnel, programs, services and facilities, procedures, equipment, or other health care services, or referral of patients; hold public hearings; monitor, regulate, and revoke cooperative agreements; and maintain on file copies of all such agreements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$36,900 Recurring
\$4,300 One-Time**

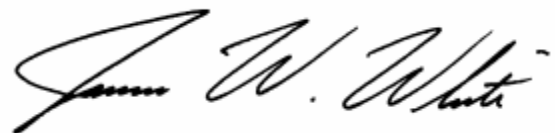
Increase State Revenues - \$41,200

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health would hire an Administrative Assistant 3 position at \$34,100 for salary and benefits.
- Printing, communication, and office expenses of \$2,800.
- One-time expenditures of \$4,300 for landscaping, computer, and software.
- The Department of Health would collect annual fees to cover the cost of the program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director